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AUSTRIA ABANDONS PLAN OF MAKING ATTACK UPON SERBIA

GENEVA NEWSPAPER MAN SAYS AUSTRIA HAS DECIDED TO SOUND RUSSIA ON PEACE TERMS BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND RUSSIA, AS RESULT OF REVERSES.

Russians Have Made Important Captures of Artillery and Munitions in the Carpathians, Where the Austrian Casualties in the Battle of Eperies Alone Were Twenty-Six Thousand—Berlin Claims Capture of French at All Points and Also Russian Attacks South of Kalwarya—German Submarine Sinks French Ship Near Wight. Crew Being Saved—Paris Claims Bayonet Attack by French Captured Two German Positions at Eparges—Factions in Italy. War in Italy Plan for Mass Meetings Today Throughout Italy.

Geneva, Switzerland, April 10.—The Tribune says that it learns from absolutely reliable authority that Austria has decided to abandon her idea of a new attack on Serbia and the Austrians will remain on the defensive on the Serbian front in order to send additional troops to the Italian frontier. The same authority is quoted as saying that Austria has decided to sound Russia on peace terms.

The Russians have captured important artillery and munitions in the Carpathians and the Austrian casualties in the battle of Dukla-Eperies front alone, were twenty-six thousand, according to Swiss newspapers.

French Repulsed Everywhere
Berlin, April 10.—An official statement says the engagements between the Meuse and Moselle rivers continued yesterday with increased violence. Between the river Orne and the heights of the Meuse, the French were severely defeated. All French attacks at Combes, near St. Mihiel and on the Ailly Apremont front were repulsed, as were their attacks on Remenauville front and west of Chateau Salines. There has been no engagement as yet at the towns of Fromezey and Goussainville, which the French reported they had captured. In the east, the Russian attacks south and east of Kalwarya were repulsed. The remainder of the eastern theatre is unchanged.

Mass Meetings in Italy.
Rome, April 10.—Factions for and against war are both planning mass meetings for tomorrow throughout Italy, despite the police warnings.

Another Sunk by Submarine.
Letroport, France, April 10.—A German submarine Thursday sank the French three-masted ship Chateau Bi-rand. The submarine gave the crew ten minutes to leave the ship. The crew drifted in open boats in the bitter cold, without food, for twenty-four hours until they reached the French coast. The vessel was sunk off the Isle of Wight.

French Take Two Positions.
Paris, April 10.—An official statement says there is nothing to announce except that the two attacks by which the French captured the German positions at Eparges were the result of desperate bayonet fighting.

Dock Workers' Strike Ends
London, April 10.—The dock workers' strike at Birkenhead ended today.

Russians to Enter Hungary
London, April 10.—The Russian successes in the Carpathian mountains, where the Muscovites are now said to control virtually all the important passes and are preparing for a descent on the southern slopes on to the plains of Hungary, have revived unofficial talk of separate peace for Austria-Hungary and seemingly increasing anxiety on the part of interventionists in Italy for their country to take up arms on the side of the allies and obtain territory which they have failed to get in the past.

WEATHER FORECAST.
New Orleans, La., April 10.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for Sunday is fair.

TO WATCH EXPENDITURES.

Heads of Departments Advised to Get Requisitions.

Oklahoma City, April 10.—The veto of several items in the deficiency bill by Governor Williams, together with the repeated announcement by the former board of affairs and the present officials in that department is expected to result in more strict compliance with the law as to purchase of supplies by state institutions. Under the law the board of affairs is the purchasing agent for all the departments save the department of agriculture. In the past it has been the practice of heads of some of the departments to buy things and later ask the board of affairs to authorize payment. In some instances there was no available fund for the payment. In such instances the board has not felt that the expenditure should be paid.

The new board of affairs has issued a statement in which it warns people that the institutions have no authority to make purchases without authority from that board. The state auditor, E. B. Howard, has gone so far as to announce that he will not pass bills for supplies not authorized by the board of affairs. The prospect is bad for persons who sell things to state officials without requisition from the board of affairs.

NO DEFECTS IN SUBMARINE F-4 SAYS OFFICER

LIEUTENANT SMITH, COMMANDER OF SUBMARINE FLOTILLA, SAYS IF ANYTHING WAS WRONG ONLY OFFICERS KNEW IT.

Honolulu, April 10.—Lieutenant Charles Smith, commander of the submarine flotilla here, said today regarding the statements that the submarine F-4 was defective: "If anything was wrong with F-4, nobody except her officers knew it." He added that the recent explosion in the F-4 was caused by a screw-driver short-circuiting the wiring, and not through any defects in the boat.

RUMORS OF NEW UNION STATION

PERHAPS THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR MAY BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR THAT WILL RESULT IN NEW STATION.

It has been rumored that about the first official acts of the new city administration will be to secure a new union station for this city. This movement has been started several times in the past, but the railroads seem to have gotten the best of the argument, and the city still has that obsolete structure on lower Main street not half large enough for a city of this size.

Last winter, when the subject was before the city council a prominent railroad man of this city remarked that there would be no improvement in the present facilities as long as present conditions prevail, that railroads generally in this state are operated at a loss, owing to legislative restrictions, and that many of them were in the hands of a receiver. For that reason he did not think it probable that a new station would be built at present.

There is no question in the minds of the business men and citizens generally that Ardmore needs a new station and there is also little doubt but what the corporation commission would assist them, were they convinced that it was necessary.

Perhaps, before the end of the year, the citizens of the city may see something like this happen.

BELGIAN RETURNS TO ARDMORE

WAS IN LOUVAIN AT TIME IT WAS SACKED BY GERMANS — WAS PRISONER MANY TIMES — FINALLY REACHES U. S. A.

John Alphonsus Van Horebeck, a young Belgian well known in this city, arrived from his native land last night, where he was visiting when the war broke out, and he has some harrowing tales to tell of the devastation of that beautiful country by the German armies.

Mr. Van Horebeck was in the employ of Shuman, the florist, in this city, when he decided to pay a visit to the old home last summer. War had not then been declared and few in this country dreamed of such a calamity. He arrived in Belgium in July and was in the city of Louvain when the Germans sacked and burned the city, destroyed the beautiful cathedral and burned the library of the University of Louvain.

Mr. Van Horebeck says that the newspaper reports of the destruction of that beautiful country have never told half of what the Belgians have endured. He says they are patient and are confident that in the end Germany will be subdued, and that a day of reckoning will be had in which Belgium will be partly repaid for the devastation wrought by the invading armies of the kaiser.

In speaking of conditions there at present, he says that he would be afraid to describe them for fear the people here would doubt his truthfulness. The suffering of the old people, the women and children, he asserts, can never be described. The Belgians are a grateful people, and the relief granted them by the United States has been most welcome, and will never be forgotten by those who withstand the awful struggle, he asserts. At present, conditions are not much improved. About one-half-pound of flour per person is allowed each day with other food obtainable in like proportion. The industries of the country are paralyzed except those operated by the Germans for the benefit of the invaders. It will take years after the struggle has ended before conditions become normal.

When the invaders arrived at Louvain, all the young men were taken prisoners and segregated from the older and married ones. He chanced to be holding one of his kinsman's children when this was going on, and so, being taken for a married man, was not sent to Germany as were the unmarried ones. He was arrested many times, however, and knows what it is to be under guard with a German soldier close by. When asked how he managed to get out of the country and on board ship he replied that he did not take any pains about exhibiting his passport, but managed to get passage and out of the war-stricken country.

He has two brothers in the Belgian army. One has gone through the war so far without being hurt. The other has been wounded five times, and is at present in a French hospital, where he is recovering soon to be ready to fight again for king and country.

In speaking of the invaders, he said that German resources were evidently nearly exhausted as far as men were concerned, as he had seen many old men of the last reserves in Belgium recently. The younger ones are being rushed to be hurled against the allies and Russians, who seem to be gradually drawing a ring of steel around the empire of the kaiser.

Mr. Van Horebeck will take a few days' rest before resuming his duties with Shuman the florist. He says he has enough to think about the rest of his life, and wants to be free from strife in every particular.

Asked how long they were looking for the war to last, he said that everyone believes it will be ended before next fall, with Germany either completely crushed or suing for the best terms possible. He said that many of the Belgians would prefer

to invade the German empire and repay them in kind for what they have done to that brave little nation.

INJUNCTION IS REFUSED.

Federal Judge Refuses to Enjoin Meeting of Officials.

Chicago, Ill., April 10.—Federal District Judge Carpenter refused to issue an injunction today restraining the annual meeting of the Rock Island stockholders being held here Monday. Minor stockholders sought an injunction, claiming that they were being hindered in their attempts to gain proxies.

INDICTED MAN IS DEAD.

Former Postmaster at Bull, Texas, Found Dead

Beaumont, Tex., April 10.—Claude Mitchell, aged 48, former postmaster at Bull, Texas, was found dead this morning near Voth, Texas. A bottle of poison was found by his side. Mitchell was free on bond of five hundred dollars in connection with his indictment for embezzling one thousand dollars of the post office funds.

No Fighting, Says Funston.
Washington, April 10.—General Funston reported under date of yesterday that no shots had fallen into Brownsville since March 27.

UNCLE SAM'S REPLY TO BE A VIGOROUS ONE

UNITED STATES OFFICIALS TO MAKE DENIAL TO THE GERMAN CHARGES THAT AMERICA ACQUIESCED IN BRITISH ORDER.

Washington, April 10.—It was said today in official circles that the United States is preparing a vigorous denial to the German charges that the United States virtually acquiesced in the British order in council prohibiting trade with Germany.

CLUB HOUSE IS NEARING COMPLETION

MOST OF THE MASONRY HAS BEEN FINISHED AND THE OUTSIDE STAIN HAS BEEN APPLIED — TO BE A REAL HOME.

The club house of the Dornick Hill Country club is rapidly nearing completion, and within a short time will be ready for the furniture. Most of the masonry has been finished. The outside of the building has received one coat of stain, and before many days the managers hope to announce the date of the house warming.

The members are extremely proud of their grounds and magnificent home. When finished and furnished it will be surpassed by none in the state and the magnificent view of the links and surrounding country from the wide porches will be a source of much pleasure to the members and their visiting friends.

The grounds are being graded and sodded, walks and roads laid out and some of the dense foliage cut, in order not to obstruct the view from the house porches.

Much of the credit for the organization of this magnificent club is due to the untiring efforts of P. D. Maxwell, who for several years has been dreaming of the day when he would see a fine club occupied by this spot, with a membership of congenial spirits. His dream is about to be realized.

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HEAVY BUYING SENT COTTON AND STOCKS UP

TRADING IN FIRST HOUR OF NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE YESTERDAY WAS HEAVIEST IN ITS HISTORY.

New York, April 10.—There were scenes of wild excitement on the stock exchange yesterday. The trading in the first hour was the largest for that hour in the history of the exchange. Nearly all stocks rose. The first hour's sales exceeded one million dollars. Later reactions came under realizing sales and many prices went below normal. The culmination of overnight buying orders was responsible for the heavy trading this morning.

Cotton Up Dollar a Bale.
New York, April 10.—Cotton went up one dollar a bale this morning in the active and excited market. Realizing caused moderate reactions and the close was 11 to 15 points up. The New Orleans market closed ten points up.

Nine Cents at Dallas.
Dallas, Tex., April 10.—Cotton brought nine cents for spots here today.

CHANGES IN MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

NEW FACES WILL BE SEEN IN NEARLY ALL DEPARTMENTS—SOME OLDER EMPLOYEES WILL BE RETAINED.

As the time for the newly elected city officials draws near, when they will assume the duties of city government, speculation is rife as to their official appointments. Mayor Mullen announced Friday a few of his appointments, and also the names of his advisers. The best offices, however, he did not say who would fill them, but that they were practically agreed who the men would be.

The police force of the city at the present time consists of eleven men, including the chief and assistant chief. Whether any of the old force will be retained is problematical. The newly elected chief, if he has made up his mind about the matter, is keeping it to himself. He may have advisers, but that, too, is a profound secret. He is an experienced officer and capable of making the selection of his subordinates to fill the jobs of the retiring force.

Many guesses were hazarded on the streets yesterday as to who would get the remaining jobs of the city. As to who would be city clerk, there was little doubt, but when it came to filling the offices of city engineer, city attorney, city bookkeeper and city collector, the guesses were "up in the air."

Mayor-elect Mullen announced Friday that the appointments will be made known in a few days, but he was not ready to give it to the public at that time.

Hutchins Makes Statement.

Since the above was written the chief of police-elect has stated that none of his appointments will be made before the twentieth of the month, and that the first appointment will be assistant chief, who will consult with him about the appointment of the rest of the force.

NOTED SCULPTOR DEAD.

Bitter Dies from Injuries Received in Automobile Accident.

New York, April 10.—Karl Theodore Francis Bitter, aged 47, noted sculptor, died today from injuries received in an automobile accident last night.